

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A storage port for separating a releasably coupled task module from a retaining module, said retaining module and storage port being located on different and relatively movable parts of a machine, the storage port comprising:

a member for engagement with a task module;

a mechanism for separating the task module from the retaining module using a mechanical advantage;

whereby physical movement of the retaining module relative to the storage port actuates the mechanism, thereby separating the task module from the retaining module and whereby the mechanism has a tilting action which causes the task module to separate from the retaining module with a component of rotational motion.

21. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 20 wherein the mechanism levers the task module and retaining module apart.

22. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 21 wherein the member is part of the mechanism.

23. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 22 wherein the member is rotatable about a pivot, such that on linear movement of the retaining module relative to the storage port the task module is also pulled linearly, causing the member and hence the task module to rotate about the pivot and thus breaking contact between the task module and the retaining module with a tilting action.

24. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 20 wherein the member has a cut-out for receiving the task module.

25. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 24 wherein the cut-out is provided with sprung fingers to hold the task module in position on the member.

26. A storage port according to claim 25 wherein the sprung fingers are integral with the member.

27. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 24 wherein the task module is held in position on the member by magnetic means.

28. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 22 wherein a damper is provided to ensure smooth and controlled movement of the member.

29. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 28 wherein the damper comprises a damping plate which is adjacent and substantially parallel to one of the member and a surface of the storage port and mounted on the other of the member and the surface; wherein a viscous substance is provided between the damping plate and said one of the member and the surface; such that on movement of the member, the damping plate moves with respect to said one of the member and the surface.

30. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 29 wherein biasing means are provided to push the damping plate against one of the member and the surface to which it is adjacent.

31. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 28 wherein the damping is provided by the pivot which is made from a flexible substance.

32. (Currently Amended) A storage port for separating a releasably coupled task module from a retaining module, said retaining module and storage port being located on different and relatively movable parts of a machine, the storage port comprising:

a member for engagement with a task module;

a second member for engagement with the retaining module and means to separate the two members on upwards movement of the machine and retaining module ~~upwards~~ when the modules are located in the storage port.

33. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 32 wherein the means to separate the two members comprises a cam located between the two members which is caused to rotate on upwards movement of the retaining module, when said retaining module is located in the storage port, thereby forcing the two members apart.

34. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 33 wherein a rack and pinion arrangement is used to cause rotation of the cam on said upwards movement of the retaining module.

35. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 32 wherein biasing means are provided to bias the member and second member towards one another.

36. (Previously Presented) A storage port according to claim 32 wherein guide means are provided to maintain the member and the second member in a substantially parallel arrangement.

37. (Previously Presented) A storage port for separating a releasably coupled task module from a retaining module, said retaining module and storage port being located on different and relatively movable parts of a machine, the storage port comprising:

a relatively fixed member;

a relatively movable member which is engageable with a task module, said movable member being rotatable with respect to the fixed member about a pivot thereby to tilt said task module;

whereby when the task module is engaged with the movable member, linear movement of the retaining module relative to the storage port causes the movable member

and the task module to rotate about the pivot, and thus breaking contact between the task module and the retaining module with a tilting action.

38. (Previously Presented) A storage port for separating a releasably coupled task module from a retaining module, said retaining module and storage port being located on different and relatively movable parts of a machine, the storage port comprising:

a member which is engageable with a task module;

a rotatable cam located between the task module and retaining module, when said modules are located in the storage port;

whereby rotation of the cam separates the task module from the retaining module.